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It is the opinion of several reliable foreign correspondents in Nanking that the invasion of Sinkiang by troops of the Mongolian People's Republic is only another border incident but that it is being used by the Nationalists to improve their chances of securing a loan from the United States. The following are reasons for the correspondents' belief:

1. Although the incident reportedly took place on 5 June, the news was not released until 11 June, giving the Government officials time to plan the release.
2. The information was released only to the Central News Agency which would not investigate the information before releasing it.
3. The release was made after a meeting of the officials of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Information, including the latter's American adviser.
4. When the correspondents started an investigation, the Ministry of Information could give no details regarding plane insignia. One correspondent discovered that no official who was questioned could give the distinction between the insignia of the USSR and the Mongolian People's Republic. The Ministry of Information supposedly wired Tihua on the subject but received no definite answer.
5. It was also discovered upon investigation that the location of the incident which was given as being 200 miles within the Chinese border was instead at the generally accepted border. An official stated that 200 miles within the border applied to that which was recognized by China previous to the recognition of the Mongolian People's Republic. Actually this border was abandoned 15 to 20 years ago and no one in the area would think of the border as being at the old line which was never established.

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Note: According to the Sino-Soviet Treaty of 14 August 1945, "the Chinese Government will recognize the independence of Outer Mongolia with the existing boundary as its boundary".

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Note: The release appeared so "phony" to most correspondents that with the exception of United Press and Reuters they filed only one story giving scanty facts with the suggestion of lack of veracity. However, they feel that United States' papers are more likely to give more play to the "build up" story which added no facts since the first release but merely elaborated on it daily with a few added sidelights.)

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